

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Alastair R. Buckley et al.  
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Examiner : James Lin  
Customer No. : 00270  
Title : METHOD OF PATTERNING A FUNCTIONAL  
MATERIAL ON TO A SUBSTRATE

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO  
RESTRICTION/SPECIES  
ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This is a response to the written Restriction/Species Election Requirement dated July 27, 2006. A Petition for a Five Month Extension of Time is filed herewith to extend the deadline for Applicant's response from August 27, 2006 to January 27, 2007.

### Restriction Election

Applicants elect to prosecute in the present application the Group I claims (1-4 and 34-57) drawn to a method.

### Species Election:

The Examiner identified Species 1 to Species 7 and, during a telephone conversation, requested one election in each of the following. Applicants make the following elections:

Species 1: glass substrate;

Species 2: PVA water soluble polymer protective material;

Species 3: aluminum second protective material;

Species 4: laser ablation process for removing second protective layer;

Species 5: lift off process for removing sacrificial layer;

Species 6: spin coating process for depositing functional material; and

Species 7: organic electro-optically active functional material.

See page 9, line 15, to page 11, line 32, of the present application, as filed, for support for the elected species.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims readable on the elected species include claims 1, 2, 34, 35, 40, 43, 45, 46, 50, 52-54, 56 and 57.

It is understood that, upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims in the present application to additional species, including the species currently identified in claims 3, 4, 36-39, 41, 42, 44, 47-49, 51 and 55.

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